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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

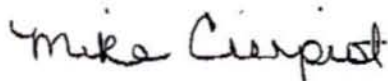
I write to strongly urge you to support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA. In my current role as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives' Utilities Committee, I understand the benefits of encouraging the development of high-speed communications networks across Missouri and the rest of America.

Over the past several years, the Missouri Legislature has significantly eased regulatory oversight in the telecommunications space with exceptional results. The regulatory updates instituted in Missouri have not only spurred increased competition among providers, but have led to hundreds of millions of dollars being invested in Missouri. These investments, by the private sector, have resulted in more jobs and increased wireless and broadband access for our citizens.

Now, the FCC has an opportunity to further expand wireless and broadband access. The proposed merger would provide increased and more efficient service to wireless customers. Additionally, AT&T's pledge to provide 4G LTE service to 97% of all Americans should be applauded and encouraged. There is no plan more viable in today's market to provide near universal broadband coverage to Americans.

This merger holds the key for more jobs, increased economic activity, better wireless service, and expansion of our country's high-speed broadband networks to new and underserved areas of America. I urge you take these positive benefits into account and support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Cierpiot". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

State Representative Mike Cierpiot
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